

REMARKS

An Article 34 amendment is filed concurrently herewith.

Claims shown in the Article 34 amendment are the originally filed claims.

Claims 1 and 3-9 are currently amended.

The claims have been amended to remove multiple dependencies, and to improve the readability of the claims.

The amendments to the claims are supported by the claims and specification, as originally filed.

Upon entry of the amendment, claims 1-9 will be active.

No new matter is believed to have been added by the amendments. An action on the merits and allowance of the claims is requested.

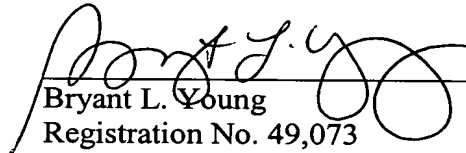
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